

# BEHIND THE BADGE



## Triangle Chiefs Speak on WSHA

On October 9, Chief Deck-Brown was joined by Morrisville Police Chief Patrice Andrews and Durham Police Chief C.J. Davis on the monthly Behind the Badge with Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown radio program on Shaw University’s WSHA (88.9 FM). The chiefs shared their individual experiences and journeys, and activities in their departments. Each chief also encouraged listeners to join the law enforcement field.

Not only in North Carolina, but all over the country, females are taking the leadership role at police departments of all sizes. This is a testament to their education, experience, tenacity, stamina, compassion, and unique problem-solving skills.

In September, WRAL’s [On the Record](#) highlighted four of the six female, African-American police chiefs in North Carolina: Raleigh’s Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown; Morrisville’s Chief Patrice Andrews; Durham’s Chief C.J. Davis; and Fayetteville’s Gina Hawkins. Chief Catrina A. Thompson leads Winston-Salem's police department and Chief Bernette Morris serves in Morehead City. Later in the month, the four chiefs were also featured on NBC’s [Megan Kelly TODAY](#) and \$20,000 in scholarship funds was donated in their names to N.C. Women in Law.



The radio program Behind the Badge with Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown airs at noon on the second Monday of each month and the following Saturday at 11 a.m.

*Pictured are: Program Host Nicole Gyenyame, Raleigh Chief Cassandra Deck-Brown, Durham Chief Cerelyn “CJ” Davis, and Morrisville Chief Patrice Andrews.*

## Retirements

### Lieutenant K.D. Huff Retires



On September 21, Chief Deck-Brown presented Lieutenant K.D. Huff with a Chief’s Citation for his service to the Department. Lieutenant Huff began his career with the Department as a member of the 58th Academy. He served as a patrol officer on B Platoon and was promoted to Detective in 1998, serving with the Drugs and Vice Unit, the Drug Enforcement Task Force, and the Northeast Detective Squad. In 2005, he was promoted to Sergeant, supervising patrol officers in the Southwest District. Huff returned to the Detective Division in 2006 where he supervised the Commercial and North Burglary units, the Special Victims Unit and the Homicide Unit. During this time, he and his squads received two Meritorious Unit Citations: one for capturing a serial rapist; the second for the capture of a serial robber and predator who preyed upon the elderly. In April 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant in the Southeast District. In 2015, he was assigned to the Youth and Family Services Unit in the Detective Division. His love for

baseball and working with youth led to a partnership with MLB Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities (RBI) and expanded the Department’s youth baseball program. In 2017, Lieutenant Huff was assigned to the North District Patrol Division where he remained until his retirement on October 1.

### Lieutenant M.L. Peterson Retires

On October 29, Chief Deck-Brown presented Lieutenant M.L. Peterson with a Chief’s Citation for his service to the Department. Lieutenant Peterson began his career with the Department as a member of the 57th Academy. He served as a patrol officer, was certified as a Drug Recognition Expert, a Field Training Officer, and a Major Accident Investigator. Lieutenant Peterson served as a Traffic Enforcement Officer early in his career and was dedicated to making the roadways safer for everyone. Lieutenant Peterson was promoted to Sergeant and supervised patrol officers in the Northeast District and the Community Policing Squad. He led the South General, the Aggravated Assault, and the Homicide units in the Detective Division. He also served with the Robbery Task Force and the Raleigh Intelligence Center. In 2016, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Southwest District where he served until his retirement on October 1.



## Letters of Appreciation

Join us as we congratulate the following RPD officers who were recognized for outstanding service and support of the City of Raleigh and the Department.

Dear Chief Deck-Brown:

I wanted to let you know how much we appreciate the work of the officers who assisted with locating our autistic, adult son. Our son had never had an incident like this, so you can imagine our stress level as parents while he was missing. Once he was located, the officers did an amazing job keeping him calm until I arrived. The four officers involved were Senior Officers S.P. Foran, K.A. Liles, A.E. Little, and Officer J.J.R. Witcher (check spelling). Officer Liles was the first to arrive and took the lead in finding and working with my son. All of the officers were professional, compassionate, and clearly knew what they were doing. Our compliments to you on the fine work of these officers. Please pass along our thanks and appreciation to each of them.

The Zevgolis Family

Chief Deck-Brown:

Thank you so much. A few days ago, my wife called 911 at 5:30 a.m. as she was leaving to go to work. She heard a male voice calling for help from our back yard. I looked out the window and saw two men on the ground, one claiming that the other had a gun. The police arrived very quickly and we were very grateful for their fast response.

Rick Anderson

Deputy Chief Perry:

I would like to thank Officer J.D. Siek for all that he does. He is always willing to go the extra mile, and remains pleasant and calm when he responds to our Wal-Mart location on Glenwood Avenue. Officer Siek takes the time to counsel the offender(s) and explain how their actions harm the entire community rather than just handing them a citation. His positive energy is greatly appreciated. He is a good person with good intentions and lets his positive personality shine through his shift. Thank you Officer Seik.

Michelle Sox, Asset Protection Manager  
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Members of the Raleigh Police Department:  
Many thanks for your role in the conviction of Dwight Brown. He was sentenced to 120 months, under the Felon in Possession of a Firearm statute.

Peggah B. Wilson  
Assistant United States Attorney

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**In Memoriam**  
Please keep the families of the departed members of the Department in your thoughts and prayers.

**Former Officer Bobby Lee**

Former Officer Bobby Lee passed quietly at home on September 21. He was a member of the 11th Academy. A graveside service was held on September 25 at Oakwood Cemetery.

**RPD Volunteer Joseph “Morty” Jayson**

RPD Volunteer Joseph “Morty” Jayson passed unexpectedly on October 9. His service was held on October 10. Volunteer Jayson graduated from the sixth RPD Volunteer Academy and was an active member of the program. He spent most of his volunteer hours on visibility patrols. Volunteer Jayson donated 214 volunteer hours to the Raleigh Police Department and was awarded the President’s Volunteer Service Award Bronze Pin.